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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIA b3a-FOIA b3a reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent FOIA b3a working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a. The Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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2) Food Supply

(8) In Tiflis, bread bakeries report the following February turnover for flour:

	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
pastry flour	70 tons	39 tons	31 tons
macaroni flour	569 "	442 "	127 "
sifted flour	--	--	101 "

(9) The Georgian Meat and Dairy Sales shipped 54 tons of butter in February.

(10) The Transcaucasian Meat and Dairy Sales is to make an additional delivery to the NK for Trade in the first quarter.

	<u>Meat Products</u>	<u>Butter</u>
to Azerbajdzhan	10 tons	10 tons
to Georgia	10 tons	5 tons
to Armenia	10 tons	3 tons

(11) The distillery in Gori needs 50 tons of barley.

(12) The Meat and Dairy Sales in Baku will receive 5 tons of flour for March.

(13) On 12 March the canning industry in Kutais reported the following daily production:

concentrates	8.5 tons
no shipment	
on hand:	
wheat groats	40 tons
grits	18 tons
groats	106 tons
fat	4.3 tons

Production has been discontinued for lack of coal.

Krasnodar reports the inventory of the following sovkhoses:

(14) Vinovets:

wheeled tractors	20
of which ready for service	9
mower-threshers	10
of which without motors	8

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cows	14	
foals	37	
barley	7 tons	
sown with winter grain	340 hectares	
inhabitants	293	
workers and employees	30	
tractor operators	10	
people fit for work	153	
estimated plan for spring sowing	1100 hectares	
of which: barley	600	"
sunflowers	200	"
millet	200	"
maize	50	"

(15) Sovkhoz "Kuban":

tractors (which will be all repaired for spring cultivation)	36	
mower-threshers	25	
of which without motors	7	
horses	119	
of which foals	27	
oxen	97	
bulls for breeding	2	
cows	148	
young cattle	323	
fattened pigs	10	
brood sows	42	
young pigs	54	
rams for breeding	10	
sheep	1558	
lambs	2786	
winter wheat	42,703 tons	
summer barley	561	"
soybeans	333	"
millet	81	"
one-year grass	6	"
winter wheat sown	3093 hectares	
barley sown	198	"
inhabitants	3368	
workers and employees	351	

The harvest of 355 hectares of winter wheat and 20 hectares of soybeans has not been threshed. The estimated plan for summer grain sowing amounts to 4650 hectares.

(16) Kuban Dairy Sovkhoz:

tractors (will all share in the work)	18
work horses	44
oxen	90

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bulls for breeding	11	
cows	212	
young cattle	188	
sheep	30	
foals	12	
no grain on hand		
barley (not threshed)	88 hectares	
sown are: winter wheat	52 hectares	
barley	160	"
the estimated sowing plan		
for summer grain		
amounts to	1500	"
of which: barley	700	"
oats	200	"
millet	150	"
sunflowers	100	"
maize	}	the remainder
grass		
field vegetable		
cultivation		

(17) Pig Sovkhoz "Proletarij":

tractors (which will all work)	33
mower-threshers	6
work horses	16
oxen	10
young pigs (4 months old)	109
sheep	882
cows	60
young cattle	33
foals	37
bulls for breeding	3
barley	130 tons
seed	80 "
maize	5 "
sunflowers	3 "
one-year grass	1.5 tons
winter wheat sown	450 hectares
barley sown	100 "
estimated plan for	
summer barley sowing	650 "
maize	50 "
sunflowers	30 "
workers and employees	130
inhabitants	370
tractor operators	1

(18) Grain Sovkhoz in Krapotkin [?] i/n Krapotkin?]:

tractors (which will be	
repaired in time for	
the spring work)	19
mower-threshers	27

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horses	91	
of which work horses	27	
oxen	62	
bulls for breeding	5	
cows	22	
young cattle	31	
sheep	100	
foals	30	
grain	135 tons	
sunflowers	43	"
winter wheat seed	3150	"
unthreshed: winter wheat	898	hectares
summer wheat	218	"
estimated plan for summer		
grain sowing	2320	"
of which: wheat	820	"
barley	690	"
oats	100	"
sunflowers	580	"
maize	50	"

3) Material Supply

(19) Gor'kij NKRF is to ship 1 carload of oakum to Gur'ev in March and 2 carloads in April.

(20) 4 sets of automobile tires are being delivered to the NKRF plant "Molotov" and 4 sets to the mechanical plant in Gorodets.

(21) From a message from Astrakhan' to Saratov NKRF it is learned that 15 tons of varnish were allocated to "Volgatanker". Delivery point is the office of the Chief Directorate for Vegetable Oils and Fats in Saratov.

4) Oil Supply

(22) Stalingrad Oil Sales is to deliver 2 1/2 tons of petroleum in March to an office of the NKRF for Stalingrad Oblast'.

(23) Astrakhan' Oil Sales is to deliver 1 1/2 tons of petroleum in March to an office of the NKRF in Astrakhan'.

(24) Yakutsk NKRF is receiving an allotment of 200 kilograms of petroleum from the March stocks.

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5) Production

(25) Two pairs of screws for the fireboat "Samara", which has been assigned to Stalingrad, are to be cast at the NKRF plant in Saratov.

(26) Molotov NKRF is 34.8% behind in repairing the hoisting crane and 2.6% behind in repairing the electrical installation.

(27) In Omsk NKRF there is a Plant No. 4, which apparently is engaged in the manufacture of spare parts.

(28) Ulan-Ude NKRF is behind in its ship repairs. Only 7 of the planned 14 self-propelled vessels have been repaired. In the Bajkal section not one of the non-self-propelled vessels has been delivered.

(29) It may be understood from a message to Krasnoyarsk that a first-class fireproof clay is being taken from the quarries of the plant "Krasnyj Profintern".